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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) Case No. 2:19-CR-237-KJM
11)
Plaintiff,) **STIPULATION AND ORDER TO ACCEPT**
12) **ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES UNDER G.O. 616**
vs.)
13)
Date: June 1, 2020
14 JOSE VICTOR RODRIGUEZ,) Time: 9:00 A.M.
Judge: Hon. Kimberly J. Mueller, Chief Judge
15 Defendant.)
16 _____)

17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED and agreed by and between McGregor W. Scott, United
18 States Attorney, through David Spencer, Assistant United States Attorney, and Heather
19 Williams, Federal Defender, through Assistant Federal Defender Christina Sinha, counsel for
20 Defendant Jose Victor Rodriguez, that the plea agreement in this matter may be signed by Mr.
21 Rodriguez via electronic signature.

22 On April 15, 2020, Chief United States District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller issued
23 General Order 616, "Consent and Signature Requirements on Documents Filed in Criminal
24 Actions During the COVID-19 Public Emergency" ("G.O. 616"). For the reasons detailed in
25 G.O. 616, defense counsel is authorized to electronically sign documents on her client's behalf
26 using the format "/s/ name" if the following conditions are met:

- 27 1. The defendant has had an opportunity to consult with counsel regarding the
28 matter;

2. The defendant consents to counsel's signing on the defendant's behalf; and
3. The judge presiding over the case makes a finding that "obtaining an actual signature is impracticable or imprudent in light of the public health situation relating to COVID-19."

Defense counsel represents that all three conditions have been met here. Therefore, the parties stipulate as follows, and respectfully request the Court to find that:

1. Mr. Rodriguez has had an opportunity to consult with undersigned defense counsel regarding this matter;
2. Mr. Rodriguez consents to undersigned defense counsel signing the plea agreement on his behalf; and
3. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, obtaining an actual signature from Mr. Rodriguez, who is currently incarcerated at the Sacramento County Jail, is both impracticable and imprudent, as it would unnecessarily increase the likelihood that the relevant parties and those who come into contact with them will be exposed to COVID-19.

Respectfully submitted,

HEATHER E. WILLIAMS
Federal Defender

Date: May 27, 2020

/s/ Christina Sinha
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Attorney for Defendant
JOSE VICTOR RODRIGUEZ

Date: May 27, 2020

MCGREGOR W. SCOTT
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/s/ David Spencer
DAVID SPENCER
Assistant United States Attorney
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ORDER

The Court, having received and considered the parties' stipulation, and good cause appearing therefrom, adopts the parties' stipulation in its entirety as its order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 9, 2020.


CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE